



SULLY SPOTLIGHT

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Events of Interest for November 2005

- ♦ Tuesday, Nov. 8—Election Day
- ♦ Friday, Nov. 11—Veterans Day
- ♦ Tuesday, Nov. 15—7:30 p.m.—Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd
- ♦ Thursday, Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2005



Teen ID Theft—Is Your Teen's Identity Protected?

As parents of teenagers you spend many hours teaching them how to drive safely, discussing the importance of an education and warning about the dangers of illegal drugs. Now you can add identity theft to the list of items meriting special attention.

Identity theft is an ever-increasing threat for all consumers, but children and teenagers make particularly good targets. The Federal Trade Commission reports that young people make up 31 percent of the reported cases of identity theft each year. This is because they have “unblemished” credit records (indeed, they have no credit records at all!); once their identity is stolen, it can go undetected for months, if not years, and teenagers and children are likely to be ignorant to any signs that their identity has been compromised.

What can parents do to protect their teens and pre-teens? The key to shielding your kids from identity theft is to protect their personal information and teach them to carefully question anyone who requests their social security number, bank account number, credit card number or other personal financial information.

Tips for Protection:

- ⌘ Schools, athletic teams and pediatric offices routinely request children's social security numbers for registration purposes. Before giving that information, always ask if this is required and by whom. If you do not like the answer, then decline to provide the data.
- ⌘ Don't carry your child's social security card in your wallet or purse and do not permit your teen to do so.
- ⌘ When your teen applies for his or her driver's license, make certain that he or she does not permit the social security number to be used as the driver license identification number.
- ⌘ When your teen opens his or her first checking account, discuss how important it is to safeguard checks and banking account numbers, and advise them to carefully monitor their accounts for suspicious activities. Do the same when they apply for their first credit card.
- ⌘ Limit the copies of your child's birth certificate that you give out. If copies are requested in order to allow your children to participate in sports or other extracurricular activities, ask who will have access to the information and where it will be stored.
- ⌘ Talk to your teen about why he or she should not give out personal financial information in response to phone calls from telemarketers or e-mails from unknown individuals or businesses.
- ⌘ Be sure to stress the importance of safeguarding information in the Internet.
- ⌘ Advise teenagers to protect their credit cards and checkbook at all times. They should only carry what is absolutely necessary in their wallets and purses. They should not take their credit cards or checkbooks with them when they go out partying, for instance.
- ⌘ If your teen is headed off to college, discuss the importance of safeguarding financial documents, bank account statements, credit cards, and other personal records in his or her dorm room or apartment. Roommates, friends and casual visitors can have “prying eyes.”
- ⌘ Check your child's credit report annually for any unauthorized accounts and requests for credit.

Some warning signs of identity theft include pre-approved credit card offers arriving in your child's name; unfamiliar bank, credit card or other financial statements that are in your child's name; and/or collection agency notifications or calls in your child's name.

If you believe your child's identity has been stolen, contact one of the three major credit bureaus; immediately dispute any bills with fraudulent charges; and visit the ID Theft Resource Center on the Federal Trade Commission Web site at www.ftc.gov



Sully Citizens' Advisory Committee

The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) came together for its first meeting with the new elected board. To start the meeting John Werderman (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the CAC. He introduced the new members of the CAC board 2005:

John Werderman -Chairperson (standing)
Dan Lindner -Assist. Chairperson (seated left)
Marjorie House – Secretary (seated right)



The CAC members heard a presentation by Special Agent John Connolly of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.). Special Agent Connolly outlined the different divisions of ICE; Detention and Removal Operations, Federal Protective Services Office of Intelligence, Office of International Affairs, and Office of Investigations. Special Agent Connolly noted the Federal Air Marshal Service currently is within ICE but will be transferred to another department within the federal government this year.

Detention & Removal: represents the final step of the immigration enforcement process. It serves the public by removing unauthorized aliens from the United States. The resources and expertise of Detention and Removal are utilized to transport aliens, manage them while in custody and waiting for their cases to be processed and to remove unauthorized aliens from the United States when ordered.

Federal Protective Services: To provide law enforcement and security services to over one million tenants and daily visitors to all federally owned and leased facilities nationwide. Federal Protective Services focuses directly on the interior security of the nation and the reduction of crimes and potential threats to federal facilities throughout the nation.

Office of Intelligence: To collect, analyze and share information on critical homeland security vulnerabilities that could be exploited by terrorist and criminal organizations.

Office of International Affairs: To protect the United States of America by enhancing national security to prevent terrorist attacks. In furtherance of this goal ICE-OIA conducts and coordinates international investigations involving transnational criminal organizations responsible for the illegal movement of people, goods and technology into and out of the United States.

Office of Investigation: To focus on a broad array of national security, financial and smuggling violations including illegal arms exports, financial crimes, commercial fraud, human trafficking, narcotics smuggling, child pornography/exploitation and immigration fraud. Using their unique legal authorities, ICE special agents also conduct investigations aimed at protecting critical infrastructure industries that are vulnerable to sabotage, attack or exploitation.

The next CAC meeting will be held at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. We would like to get as much representation from different communities as we can. We hope to see you there!



FIRE SAFETY



Fire Safety is Fire Prevention. You should always be aware of potential hazards in your home. The mission of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department is providing emergency and non-emergency services to protect the lives, property and environment of the community. The fire department uses the following guide for life safety and fire prevention: **“ESCAPE”**

- **Exits:**
 - Know your way out and the location of all exits.
 - Not locked and not blocked (inside and outside)
 - Exit signs visible and properly functioning.

- **Storage:**
 - Clean, orderly, and not excessive.
 - Not located within 24 inches of the ceiling.
 - Not located in mechanical or electrical rooms.
 - Not located in any exit or exit corridor.
 - 30 inch clearance from all electrical equipment.

- **Capacity:**
 - Overcrowding in any structure is prohibited.
 - Occupant load posted in places of assembly.
 - ALL exits shall be checked DAILY by the owner or lessee for availability and proper operation.

- **Access:**
 - Clear path to gas, electric, and water shut offs.
 - Maintain unobstructed aisles throughout.
 - To fire alarm pull stations and fire extinguishers.
 - To fire sprinkler control valves (NO obstruction).

- **Protection:**
 - Smoke detection, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, kitchen hood fire suppression, fire extinguishers, and ALL fire protection systems are in good working order and maintained continuously.
 - No parking within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.

- **Emergency Lights:**
 - Properly working and tested monthly for 30 seconds and annually for one hour.
 - Personal flashlights are highly recommended.
 - Exit stairwells shall have functional lighting.

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FIRE SAFETY

With the holidays approaching we all need to think safety with our decorations. Use care not to overload a circuit and limit the amount of plugs in an outlet. The fire department recommends the following for fire safety and candles.

- Never leave burning candles unattended
- Keep all combustible materials away from open flames
- Do not burn candles near windows or doorways
- Place candles in glass or ceramic containers
- Place candles on a flat, sturdy non-combustible surface
- Never leave candles burning when children or pets are present



For more fire safety information, call the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at (703) 246-3801 or visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/fire>

Normas de seguridad relacionadas con el uso de velas

Comunmente, las velas son fuente de luz en caso de fallas en el suministro de energía eléctrica y también pueden ser atractivas para gran número de usuarios porque brindan un clima de “calidez” en el hogar y añaden un toque especial a un ambiente festivo.

Precisamente, considerando el uso frecuente de velas y para evitar tragedias es que el Departamento de fuego y rescate del Condado de Fairfax tiene gran interés en educar al público sobre el uso adecuado de estos productos. El departamento recomienda las siguientes normas para prevenir los peligros del fuego relacionados con el uso de las velas:

- Nunca deje las velas prendidas sin atender.
- Mantenga los materiales combustibles fuera del alcance de las velas encendidas.
- Ponga las velas en recipientes de vidrio o cerámica.
- Ponga las velas en un lugar plano y firme.
- Nunca deje las velas prendidas y desatendidas cuando niños o mascotas están presentes sin la supervisión de un adulto.

Para más información sobre la seguridad del uso del fuego, llamar al Departamento de incendio y rescate del Condado de Fairfax (Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department) Public Information and Life Safety Education Section al numero (703) 246-3801 o visitenos at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire>.

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Thursday, November 3, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, November 10, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, November 17, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

"Road Rage" is commonly defined as a societal condition where motorists lose their temper in reaction to a traffic disturbance.



Traffic Trivia

Code of Virginia § 46.2-868.1. Aggressive driving; penalties.

A. A person is guilty of aggressive driving if (i) the person violates one or more of the following: § [46.2-802](#) (Drive on right side of highways), § [46.2-804](#) (Failure to observe lanes marked for traffic), § [46.2-816](#) (Following too closely), § [46.2-821](#) (Vehicles before entering certain highways shall stop or yield right-of-way), § [46.2-833.1](#) (Evasion of traffic control devices), § [46.2-838](#) (Passing when overtaking a vehicle), § [46.2-841](#) (When overtaking vehicle may pass on right), § [46.2-842](#) (Driver to give way to overtaking vehicle), § [46.2-842.1](#) (Driver to give way to certain overtaking vehicles on divided highway), § [46.2-843](#) (Limitations on overtaking and passing), any provision of Article 8 (§ [46.2-870](#) et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 (Speed), or § [46.2-888](#) (Stopping on highways); and (ii) that person is a hazard to another person or commits an offense in clause (i) with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person.

B. Aggressive driving shall be punished as a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, aggressive driving with the intent to injure another person shall be punished as a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to the penalties described in this subsection, the court may require successful completion of an aggressive driving program.

Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System (for reports only)
703-464-4756

**CRIME
FLASH**

Real or
Toy?



A police officer has only a split second to make a decision when dealing with guns. Looking at this gun, a police officer would treat it as being a real gun and take appropriate action to protect others and defend himself or herself. This is actually an air gun. However, it closely resembles the Sig Sauer guns carried by the Fairfax County Police Department. This toy was taken from an elementary aged child in Chantilly who thought it was “cool” to carry it in his pants to look tough. Other children reported the youth to adults.

Fairfax County has laws that govern this type of gun and others. Fairfax County Code states that “*Gun* means a rifle, shotgun, pistol, air pistol, BB-gun, pellet gun or other similar device designed and intended to expel a projectile through a barrel of any length by means of explosive, expansion or release of compressed gas or compressed air or action of a spring mechanism.”

Fairfax County Code Section 6-1-2.1 Discharge of BB-guns, air pistols, air rifles and pellet guns in certain places prohibited.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-1-2, a person may discharge a traditional BB-gun, air pistol, air rifle or pellet gun, which propels a projectile by means of energy released by compressed air, compressed gas, mechanical spring or a combination thereof, on a parcel of land containing at least one (1) acre of land in an area designated for the discharge of firearms or other guns in accordance with Appendix J to the Fairfax County Code. Provided, however, no person shall discharge any such BB-gun, air pistol, air rifle or pellet gun within one hundred (100) yards of a public school ground or a public park, and no person shall traverse a public school ground, or a public park while in possession of a BB-gun, air pistol, air rifle or pellet gun. Violation of this Section shall be punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Fairfax County Code Section 6-1-6. Carrying and discharging of guns by minors.

- It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to carry any gun or starting pistol on the public highways or public lands of the County, unless accompanied by an adult where the relationship of adult and minor is that of parent and child, guardian and ward or instructor and pupil.
- This Section shall not apply to a gun carried unloaded in a completely closed carrying case or when completely and securely wrapped and not concealed on the person.
- It shall also be unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to discharge a gun anywhere in the County unless in the presence and under the supervision of an adult bearing the relationship defined above in this Section.

Any gun that projects a missile (air gun, paint ball gun, BB-gun) has great potential to injure someone if shot at close enough range. Education is the best prevention. Know the law and educate your children.

Before buying your child a “toy” gun, ask yourself in that *split* second - “Does this look like a real gun or like a real toy?”